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Listing of the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims replaces all previous lists of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for synchronizing data between at least two service portals, each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service and acting as a PIM server, each of said portals being accessible by way of remote access terminals acting as PIM clients, the system comprising:

a first [[data]] synchronization [[means]] client-server architecture adapted to establish a correspondence between the data stored in the portals, said first synchronization client-server architecture comprising a first synchronization client module and a first synchronization server module wherein the first synchronization means includes a synchronization client-server architecture,

wherein

the synchronization client of said architecture comprising a first synchronization server client module is [[,]] hosted in a first of said service portals and communicates communicating with a first server implementing the personal information manager service of said first service portal, [[and]]

the synchronization server of said architecture comprising a synchronization client server module is [[,]] hosted within at least a second of said service portals and communicates communicating with a second server hosting a personal information manager service of said second service portal,

said first synchronization client module and said first synchronization server module communicate modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second synchronization client-server architecture [[means]] for synchronizing data between the portals and at least a portion of said terminals.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the second synchronization means includes a client-server architecture,~~ the client and the server of said second synchronization <u>client-server</u> architecture ~~of the second synchronization means~~ respectively <u>comprises</u> ~~comprising~~ a <u>second synchronization</u> client module hosted within each of the terminals and a <u>second</u> synchronization <u>server</u> module hosted within the portal, said <u>second synchronization</u> client and <u>said second server</u> synchronization modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first synchronization <u>client-server architecture exchange</u> ~~means comprises means for exchanging~~ data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second synchronization means comprises means for exchanging data according to a standardized data synchronization language using content description markers.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCard" format.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The synchronization system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal information handled by the synchronization system comprises data presented according to a "vCalendar" format.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An access platform of a first service portal hosting at least a first personal information manager (PIM) service and acting as a PIM server, the access platform comprising:

   a set of at least a first server providing access to said platform information manager
       service, said server being accessible to remote access terminals acting as PIM clients
       and associated with storage in which personal information is loaded, and

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a synchronization system between said first service portal and at least a second service
portal, accessible by way of the remote access terminals and hosting at least a
second personal information manager service,

wherein the synchronization system comprises first data synchronization <u>client-
server architecture</u> [[means]] adapted to establish a correspondence between
data stored in at least the first and second service portals, <u>and</u>

wherein the first synchronization ~~means includes a synchronization client-server
architecture, a synchronization client and a synchronization server of said
architecture respectively comprising a~~ <u>client-server architecture comprises a
first synchronization</u> client module hosted in the first service portal <u>that
communicates</u> ~~and communicating~~ with the first server of said set, and a <u>first</u>
synchronization server module hosted within at least the second service portal
<u>that communicates</u> ~~and communicating~~ with a second server hosting a personal
information manager service of said second service portal, said <u>first</u>
<u>synchronization client and</u> modules communicating via a computer network.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The platform as claimed in claim 8, further comprising <u>a</u>
<u>module</u> [[means]] to generate a man-machine interface on displays of the terminals, adapted
to initiate generation and transmission of synchronization commands intended for the
synchronization system.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of synchronizing data between at least a first and a
second service portal, each hosting at least one personal information manager (PIM) service
acting as a PIM server, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a synchronization command using a man-machine interface supplied by a <u>first</u>
synchronization client <u>module</u> of a <u>first</u> synchronization client-server architecture
hosted in the first of said service portals, said command conveying information
relating to the data to be synchronized; and

implementing the synchronization of data between said service portals using a <u>first</u>
synchronization server <u>module</u> of said <u>first</u> synchronization client-server architecture

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hosted in at least said second service portal and indicated in the synchronization command.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the <u>first synchronization client module</u> ~~clients~~ and the <u>first synchronization</u> server <u>module</u> communicate via a computer network according to a data synchronization language using content description markers (XML).

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the data to be synchronized are presented according to at least one of the "vCard" and "vCalendar" formats, and wherein two-way conversion of the markers in "vCard" and "vCalendar" format is performed in the step of implementing the synchronization.